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SUMMARY: DECLARATION ENDORSED BY 23 MEMBER STATES CON-
DEMNED SOUTH AFRICA FOR VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER AND GA
RESOLUTIONS AND PROTESTED DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
TO AGENCY'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS. MISSION FORESEES
PROBLEM IN JUNE 1976 WHEN "MOST ADVANCED" STATES WILL
AGAIN BE DESIGNATED BY PRESENT BOARD. END SUMMARY.

1. SHORTLY AFTER FORMAL ADJOURNMENT OF IAEA 19TH
REGULAR SESSION OF G.C., PRESIDENT OF G.C. (FELICKI),
ACTING ON REQUEST OF DELEGATE FROM CAMEROON, CIRCULATED
TO ALL DELEGATIONS TEXT OF NOTE FROM CAMEROON WITH AN
ACCOMPANYING DECLARATION SIGNED BY 23 DELEGATES
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(GC(XIX)/INF/158). PREAMBLE TAKES VOTE, INTER ALIA,

OF UNGA SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN 1974 AND CALLS ATTENTION TO CONTRAST BETWEEN THIS ACT AND DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO IAEA BOARD SEAT LAST JUNE. DECLARATION PROTESTS THIS DESIGNATION, REQUESTS IT NOT BE REPEATED IN FUTURE AND INVITES G.C. "TO RECONSIDER CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTATION OF DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS". (FULL TEXT POUCHED DEPT/ERDA).

2. DECLARATION WAS RESULT OF TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SOME AFRICA DELS AND SECRETARIAT ON WORDING AND PROCEDURES. CONSULTATIONS ALSO INCLUDED SOME DELEGATES, SUCH AS PHILIPPINES (SIAZON) WHO WHILE SYMPATHETIC TO AFRICAN OBJECTIVES, DID NOT WISH TO SEE THEM FULFILLED IN FORM OF G.C. RESOLUTION. BY THE TIME ALL SIGNATURES OBTAINED ON FINAL DRAFT AND DOCUMENT ITSELF CIRCULATED, G.C. HAD FORMALLY ADJOURNED. MOST MISSIONS DID NOT RECEIVE DECLARATION UNTIL FOLLOWING MONDAY, BY WHICH TIME SECRETARIAT HAD ISSUED AN ACCOMPANYING NOTE (GC(XIX)/INF/158/MOD.1) CORRECTING DECLARATION TO DELETE IRAN, ERRONEOUSLY LISTED AS A SIGNATORY TO DECLARATION. SEQUEL TO DECLARATION TOOK PLACE DURING BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 9/29 WHEN REP OF ZAIRE TOOK FLOOR TO DENOUNCE SOUTH AFRICA (REFTEL).

3. DECLARATION HAS NO IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL EFFECT ON AGENCY. PROVISION FOR GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION ON BOARD IS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE VI OF IAEA STATUTE AND REVISION OF STATUTE WOULD TAKE SEVERAL YEARS OF NEGOTIATION. IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN, HOWEVER, THAT SOUTH AFRICA ENJOYS MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD AS RESULT OF ITS DESIGNATION BY PREVIOUS BOARD IN JUNE PURSUANT ARTICLE VI A.1. AS REGIONALLY "MOST ADVANCED IN TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC ENERGY INCLUDING PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIALS". AS DEPT/ERDA AWARE, THIS CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP WAS CAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE DEBATE BETWEEN ITALY AND SWEDEN IN JUNE, CENTERING AROUND FACT THAT THERE EXISTS NO SPECIFIC BODY OF CRITERIA FOR BOARD TO EMPLOY IN MAKING DESIGNATIONS. IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT 10 OUT OF 34 BOARD MEMBERS WERE AMONG 23 SIGNATORIES OF DECLARATION. IT WOULD NOT BE INCONCEIVABLE FOR SOME AFRICAN STATE (GABON, FOR EXAMPLE) TO CHALLENGE SOUTH AFRICA'S CANDIDACY FOR BOARD AS MOST ADVANCED REGIONALLY IN "PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIALS". IN ANY EVENT, MISSION

ANTICIPATES THAT BOARD DESIGNATION PROCESS NEXT JUNE
WILL BE EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME THAN WAS CASE THREE
MONTHS AGO.

4. FOR USUN: MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT
CAMEROON DELEGATE (HAYATOU),
AT RECENT SOCIAL GATHERING, TOLD LISTENERS
THAT CAMEROONS WOULD TAKE FOLLOW-UP ACTION AT UN. WE
DO NOT KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT HE HAD IN MIND, BUT
ACTION MIGHT TAKE FORM OF CRITICAL COMMENT OF SOME
SORT OF ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL
TO G.A. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU MIGHT PICK UP. TAPE

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